Theology
Bachelor of Arts
2019-2020

General Areas of Service: A degree in Theology provides students with a wide range of skills in both theology and leadership. Most students earning this degree enter pastoral ministry as ministerial interns. Other graduates use it as the basis for pursuing more specialized careers in education, chaplaincy, or even law.

Professional Training: An undergraduate degree in Theology qualifies students to be hired as ministerial interns and for entry into the Master of Divinity program in the SDA Theological Seminary, which is the standard educational background for Adventist clergy. Students who are hired as interns typically spend one-to-two years working in a local church after graduation, before being sponsored to the Seminary for two years. Students not receiving an internship are responsible for pursuing their own seminary education following graduation.

Job Outlook: The prospect of future employment as a minister in the SDA denomination is very promising! With an aging pastoral workforce in North America, there is a growing need for new ministers.

Earnings: The annual wage for SDA ministers depends on years of service and location. An entry-level salary can range from $50,000 to an ordained senior pastor level at $73,000 per year.

NOTES:
Exit Exams: Theology majors must successfully complete a Senior Comprehensive Examination in order to graduate. They are also required to take a Greek and Hebrew exit exam prior to graduation. Students who successfully pass each language exam are not required to take the corresponding entry language exam at the SDA Theological Seminary.
Minor: Theology majors are required to take a minor. Due to the highly structured nature of the Theology degree, students are encouraged to select the Biblical Languages minor. This minor gives students the greatest amount of flexibility in arranging their class schedule and thus graduating within four years.
Pastor Mentoring Program: Theology majors are required to participate in the Pastor Mentoring program during their junior year. To complete the program, students work 180 hours during the school year watching and assisting in ministry in a local church. Students receive an hourly wage in return for their work.
Endorsement Process: Candidates for the Theology degree who want to receive a recommendation from the faculty to Church employing agencies, in addition to completing the listed requirements for the degree, must go through the process of endorsement. Students should consult the School of Theology Handbook for details.
ACA - Adventist Colleges Abroad summer programs are available for Hebrew in Jerusalem. Contact the School of Theology for more information.
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr.  GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS: 76 cr.

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in Theology.

**Fall Courses** | **Hours** | **Winter Courses** | **Hours** | **Spring Courses** | **Hours**
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Intro Faith & Ministry (RELP 131) | 4 | Messages of the OT (RELB 111) | 4 | Exploring the NT (RELB 231) | 4
College Writing I (ENGL 121) | 3 | College Writing II (ENGL 122) | 3 | General Psychology (PSYC 130) | 4
General Studies | 9 | Math Course (MATH 105) | 4 | Fundamentals of Speech (SPCH 101) | 4
Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | General Studies | 5 | General Studies | 4
Total | 16 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0

**Sophomore**

| Fall Courses | Hours | Winter Courses | Hours | Spring Courses | Hours |
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Greek I (GREK 231) | 3 | Greek I (GREK 232) | 3 | Greek I (GREK 233) | 3
History of Christianity (HIST 254) | 4 | Church Worship (RELB 236) | 2 | World Religions (RELB 303) | 4
Research Writing (ENGL 223) | 3 | Pentateuch (RELB 302) | 4 | Minor Electives | 9
General Studies | 4 | Minor Electives | 3 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0
Minor Electives | 2 | General Studies | 4 | |
Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | |
Total | 16 | Total | 16 | Total | 16

**Junior**

| Fall Courses | Hours | Winter Courses | Hours | Spring Courses | Hours |
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Church & Personal Min (RELP 336) | 4 | Jesus & the Gospels (RELB 337) | 4 | Christian Ethics (RELT 348) | 4
Greek II (GREK 331) | 3 | Greek Exegesis: Romans (GREK 334) | 4 | History of Adventism (RELB 457) | 3
Biblical Preaching I (SPCH 381) | 2 | Biblical Preaching II (SPCH 382) | 2 | Daniel & Revelation (RELB 412) | 4
Minor Electives | 7 | Hebrew Prophets (RELB 304) | 4 | Inspiration & Revelation (RELT 417) | 3
Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Minor Electives | 2 | Minor Electives | 2
| | | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0
Total | 16 | Total | 16 | Total | 16

**Senior**

| Fall Courses | Hours | Winter Courses | Hours | Spring Courses | Hours |
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Pastoral Care (RELP 482) | 2 | Church Leadership I (RELP 484) | 2 | Seminar in Bib Hermeneutics (RELB 496) | 4
Early Church History (RELB 455) | 3 | Systematic Theology I (RELB 456) | 3 | Church Leadership II (RELB 485) | 2
Issues of God & Faith (RELB 342) | 3 | Hebrew II (HEBR 332) | 4 | Systematic Theology II (RELB 457) | 3
Hebrew I (HEBR 331) | 4 | Public Evangelism I (RELP 492) | 2 | Hebrew III (HEBR 333) | 4
Minor Electives | 4 | Acts & NT Letters (RELB 340) | 4 | Public Evangelism II (RELP 493) | 1
| | | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Minor Electives | 2
| | | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0 | Colloquium (RELT 495) | 0
Total | 16 | Total | 15 | Total | 16

- Theology Students are required to complete at least 76 hours in their Major to graduate.
- Theology majors must participate in the Pastor Mentoring Program (approved in advance by the School of Theology).
- Students are required to attend at least 6 Colloquia over their first 2 years, & 6 over the last 2 years.
- Students are strongly advised to attend the annual Theology Retreats.

**Evaluations & Required Yearly Appointments:**

**Freshman:** New Student Orientation, Theology Retreat, Diagnostic Exam, Advisor Assignment & Colloquiums

**Sophomore:** Theology Retreat, Personality Testing, Vocational Testing, Pre-Endorsement Check List & Colloquiums

**Junior:** Pastor Mentoring Program, Theology Retreat, Diagnostic Exam, Senior Outline, Endorsement Application, & Colloquiums

**Senior:** Job Interviews, Theology Retreat, Colloquiums, Comprehensive Exam, Senior Retreat & Senior Dedication Service